

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for the personal interview on August 12, 2004. During the personal interview, no exhibit was shown or demonstration conducted. The Applicants' representative discussed the independent claims and the cited references with the Examiner. Pursuant to the interview, Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 16 to state that some of the Steiner points are not vias to put the claims in better condition for allowance. No claims have been added or canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-19 remain pending after entry of this Supplemental Amendment.

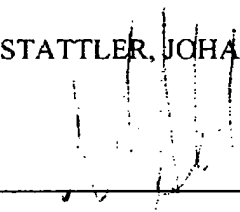
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all pending claims, namely claims 1-19, are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections and objections is requested. Allowance is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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